WHO ARE THEY?

THIS IS BRUCE WAYNE, WHO POSES AS A SOCIETY PLAYBOY...
I'M SO SORRY, MRS. VANGILD, BUT I'M REALLY TOO TIRED TO ATTEND THE DANCE TONIGHT! THE WEATHER, YOU KNOW!
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AND THIS IS HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...
GOSH, BRUCE ALMOST HAS EVEN ME FOOLED WITH THAT ACT OF HIS!
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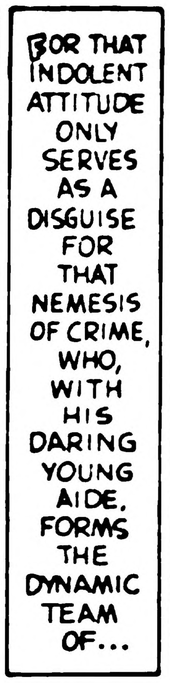
FOR THAT INDOLENT ATTITUDE ONLY SERVES AS A DISGUISE FOR THAT NEMESIS OF CRIME, WHO, WITH HIS DARING YOUNG AIDE, FORMS THE DYNAMIC TEAM OF...

BATMAN!
AND ROBIN!
BOB KANE

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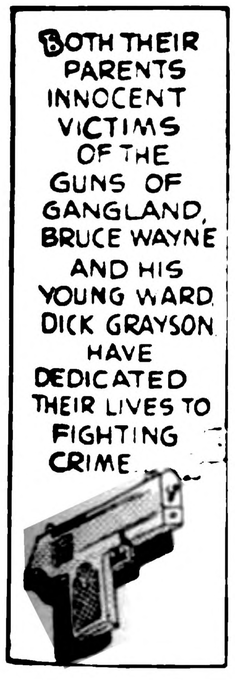
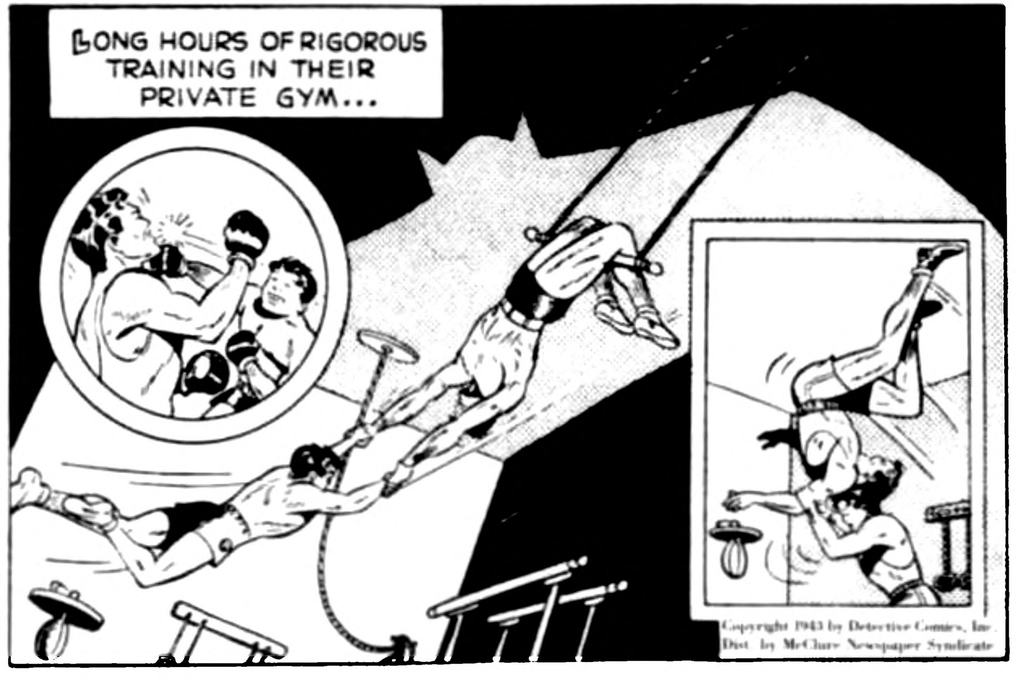
TOMORROW: "TRAINED CRIME-FIGHTERS!"


BOTH THEIR PARENTS INNOCENT VICTIMS OF THE GUNS OF GANGLAND, BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO FIGHTING CRIME...


LONG HOURS OF RIGOROUS TRAINING IN THEIR PRIVATE GYM...
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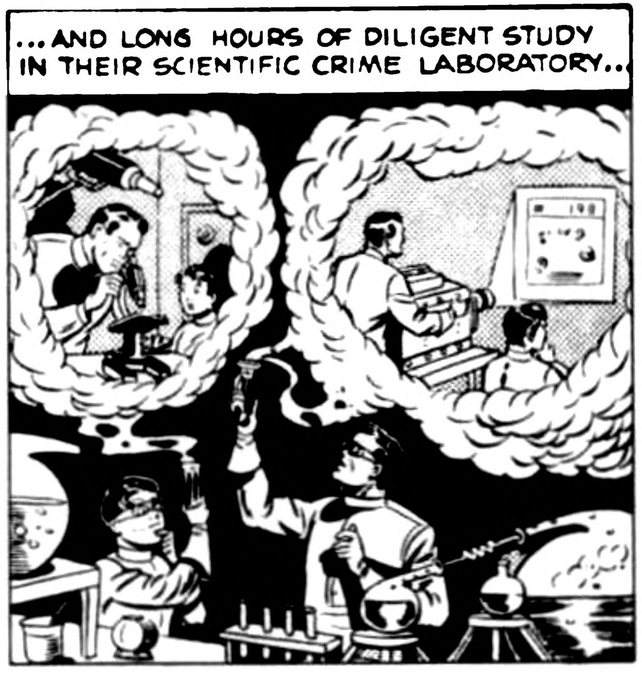
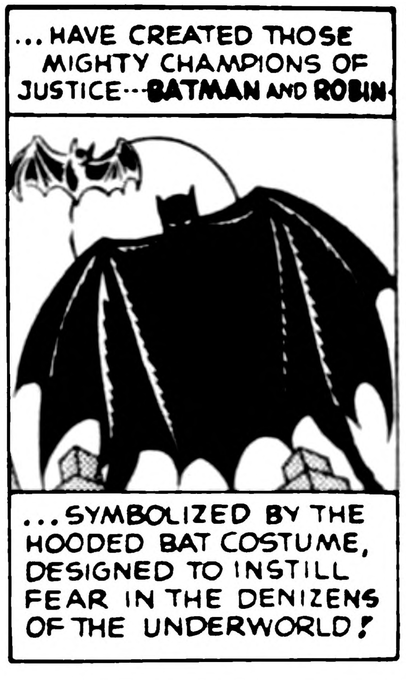

...AND LONG HOURS OF DILIGENT STUDY IN THEIR SCIENTIFIC CRIME LABORATORY...


...HAVE CREATED THOSE MIGHTY CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE---BATMAN AND ROBIN
...SYMBOLIZED BY THE HOODED BAT COSTUME, DESIGNED TO INSTILL FEAR IN THE DENIZENS OF THE UNDERWORLD!

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TOMORROW: "MEET ALFRED!"
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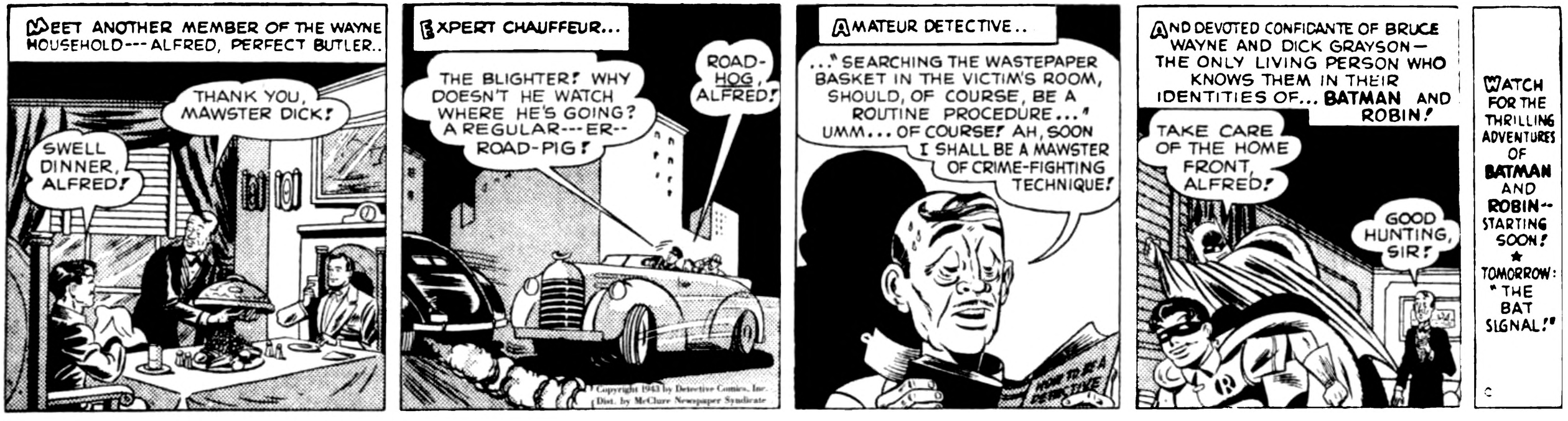
MEET ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE WAYNE HOUSEHOLD---ALFRED, PERFECT BUTLER..
THANK YOU, MAWSTER DICK!
SWELL DINNER, ALFRED!
EXPERT CHAUFFEUR...
THE BLIGHTER! WHY DOESN'T HE WATCH WHERE HE'S GOING? A REGULAR---ER--ROAD-PIG!
ROAD-HOG, ALFRED!
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AMATEUR DETECTIVE..
..."SEARCHING THE WASTEPAPER BASKET IN THE VICTIM'S ROOM, SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE A ROUTINE PROCEDURE..." UMM... OF COURSE! AH, SOON I SHALL BE A MAWSTER OF CRIME-FIGHTING TECHNIQUE!
HOW TO BE A DETECTIVE
AND DEVOTED CONFIDANTE OF BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON— THE ONLY LIVING PERSON WHO KNOWS THEM IN THEIR IDENTITIES OF... BATMAN AND ROBIN!
TAKE CARE OF THE HOME FRONT, ALFRED!
GOOD HUNTING, SIR!
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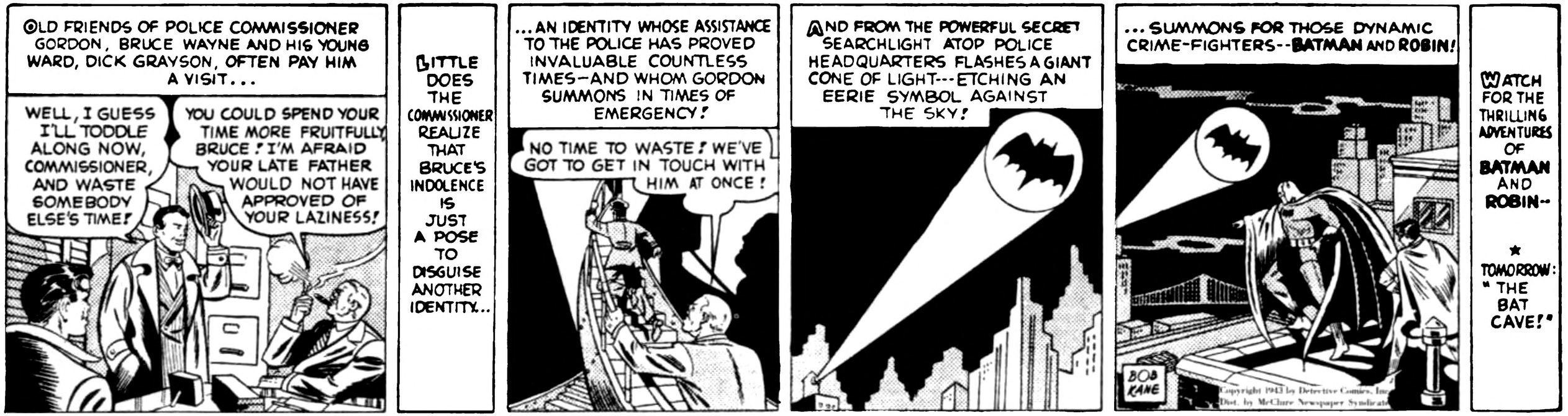
TOMORROW: "THE BAT SIGNAL!"


OLD FRIENDS OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON, BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, OFTEN PAY HIM A VISIT...
WELL, I GUESS I'LL TODDLE ALONG NOW, COMMISSIONER, AND WASTE SOMEBODY ELSE'S TIME!
YOU COULD SPEND YOUR TIME MORE FRUITFULLY, BRUCE! I'M AFRAID YOUR LATE FATHER WOULD NOT HAVE APPROVED OF YOUR LAZINESS!
LITTLE DOES THE COMMISSIONER REALIZE THAT BRUCE'S INDOLENCE IS JUST A POSE TO DISGUISE ANOTHER IDENTITY...
...AN IDENTITY WHOSE ASSISTANCE TO THE POLICE HAS PROVED INVALUABLE COUNTLESS TIMES—AND WHOM GORDON SUMMONS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY!
NO TIME TO WASTE! WE'VE GOT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AT ONCE!
AND FROM THE POWERFUL SECRET SEARCHLIGHT ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS FLASHES A GIANT CONE OF LIGHT---ETCHING AN EERIE SYMBOL AGAINST THE SKY!
...SUMMONS FOR THOSE DYNAMIC CRIME-FIGHTERS--BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BOB KANE
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TOMORROW: "THE BAT CAVE!"

ON THE HILLS OF GOTHAM CITY IS THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

NOBODY BUT THEIR FAITHFUL FACTOTUM, ALFRED, KNOWS THAT BEHIND A SPECIAL BOOKCASE, RELEASED BY A SECRET LEVER...

DO BE CAREFUL, SIRS! DON'T GET HURT!

TELL THAT TO THE CROOKS, ALFRED!

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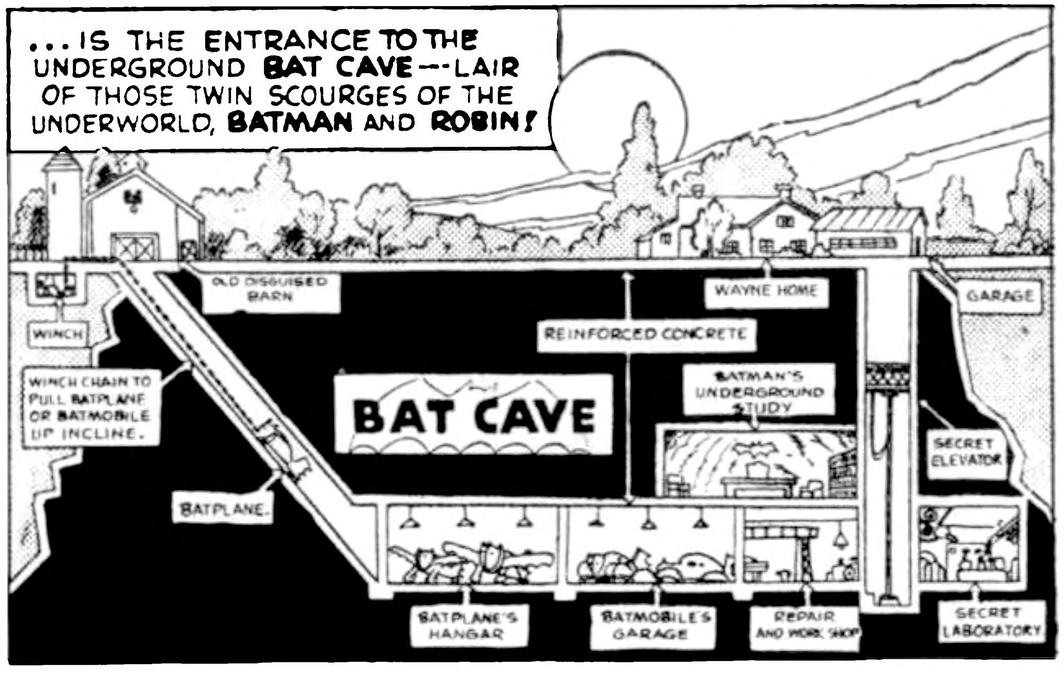
...IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE UNDERGROUND **BAT CAVE**—LAIR OF THOSE TWIN SCOURGES OF THE UNDERWORLD, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!



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TOMORROW: "THE BATMOBILE AND THE BATPLANE!"

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FROM THE UNDERGROUND LAIR BENEATH THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, SOMETIMES EMERGES...

...THE **BATMOBILE**, FASTEST THING ON FOUR WHEELS!

...AND SOMETIMES THE **BATPLANE**, WEIRD CRAFT OF THE NIGHT!

...MIGHTY WEAPONS IN THE ARSENAL OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** IN THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIME!

HOLD HER STEADY, **ROBIN**!

YA CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THOSE TWO!

SMOKE

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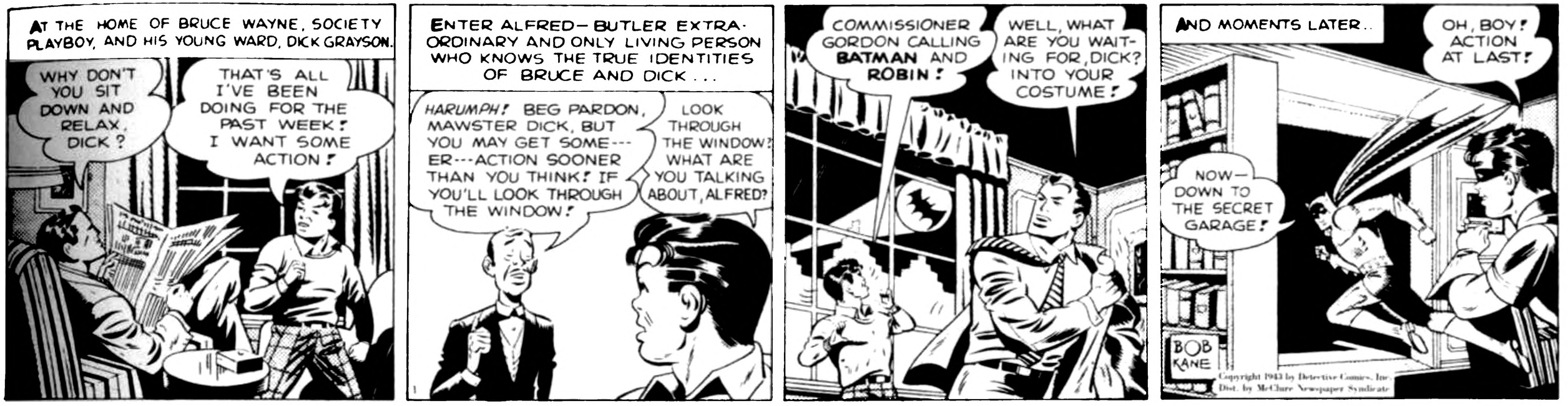
BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Call to Action!** — **November 1, 1943 • Monday**



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Startling News** — **November 2, 1943 • Tuesday**

COMMISSIONER GORDON HAS DISAPPEARED!?! WHY — WHAT HAPPENED, INSPECTOR?
WE'RE NOT SURE, BUT HERE ARE THE FACTS--- THE COMMISSIONER WAS VISITING STATE PRISON TODAY...
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"ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER HE DROVE AWAY, A STARTLING DISCOVERY WAS MADE..."
WARDEN! CONVICT 56890—SPIKE DURPHY—IS MISSING! HE HASN'T REPORTED FOR THE SUPPER ROLL CALL!
WHAT! SEARCH THE WHOLE PRISON! HE MUST BE AROUND!
"BUT AFTER A THOROUGH SEARCH..."
NO USE, WARDEN! WE CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE! HE MUST HAVE ESCAPED!
IMPOSSIBLE! IMPOSSIBLE! ...UNLESS.. ...UNLESS...
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UNLESS HE SECRETED HIMSELF IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S CAR BEFORE IT LEFT THE PRISON!
EXACTLY! AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE THE COMMISSIONER SINCE! HE NEVER ARRIVED HERE!
BOB KANE

WE'VE SENT OUT AN ALARM, OF COURSE, BUT--
INSPECTOR! WE'VE LOCATED THE COMMISSIONER'S CAR!
SOME OF OUR MEN SPOTTED IT DOWN AT THE WATER-FRONT, BUT THEY CAN'T GET NEAR IT! SPIKE DURPHY'S INSIDE-- AND HE'S HOLDING THEM OFF WITH GUNFIRE!
COME ON, INSPECTOR!
SWIFT MINUTES LATER...
WE CAN'T SHOOT BACK, SIR, FOR FEAR OF HITTING THE COMMISSIONER! HE'S INSIDE THE CAR WITH DURPHY!
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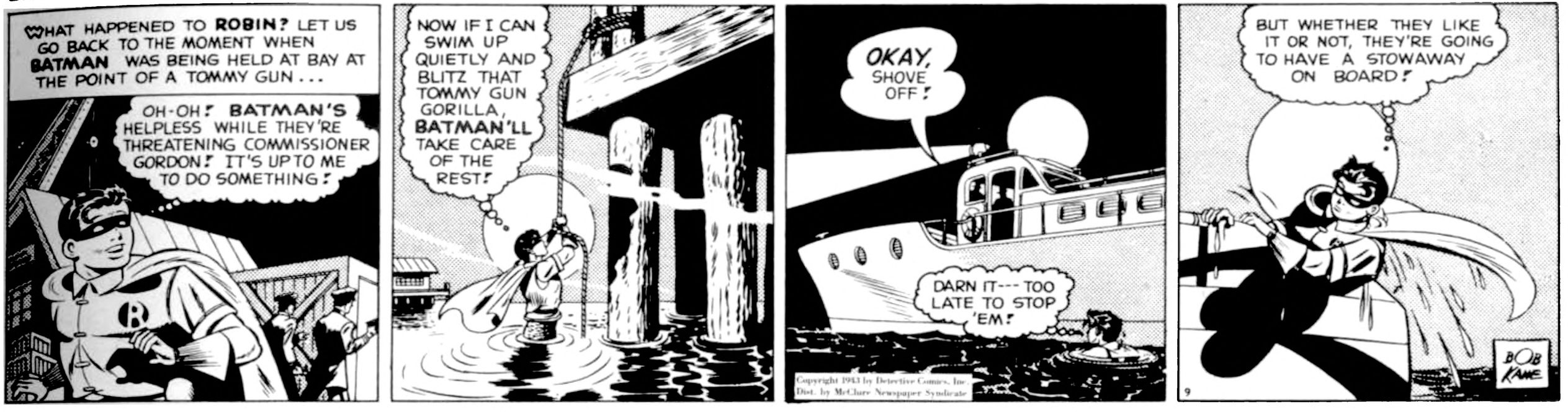
BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Music Master** — **November 5, 1943 • Friday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **New Threat!** — **November 6, 1943 • Saturday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Forced Exchange!** — **November 8, 1943 • Monday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **A Sudden Disappearance!** — **November 9, 1943 • Tuesday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Uninvited Guest** — **November 10, 1943 • Wednesday**



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **The Cat's Meow!** — **November 11, 1943 • Thursday**

SOUNDS LIKE A CAT, BLACKIE!
I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES!
MEOW!
IT'S A CAT, ALL RIGHT, BLACKIE--- AND A LITTLE BIRD, TOO!
ROBIN!
GRAB HIM, GUNNER--- WHA...?
HERE'S THE CAT---
---AND HERE'S THE BIRD!
UGGHH!

TSK, TSK! THIS IS TOO EASY!
YEAH? YOU TAKE IT EASY, BRAT!
GOOD WORK, SPIKE! THAT LITTLE WILDCAT ALMOST UPSET MY PLANS! TAKE HIM ALONG, GUNNER! HURRY UP--- WE'RE AT THE PIER!
MEANWHILE...
NO SIGN OF ROBIN! IF HE'S FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE THUGS, HIS LIFE WON'T BE WORTH A PLUGGED NICKEL!

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Narrow Escape** — **November 15, 1943 • Monday**

A STOWAWAY ON BOARD THE LAUNCH THAT ARRIVED IN TIME TO PREVENT THE RECAPTURE OF ESCAPED CONVICT SPIKE DURPHY BY BATMAN, YOUNG ROBIN HAS BEEN DISCOVERED AND CAPTURED...

INTO THE CAR, AND FAST! THERE'LL BE A MILLION COPS AROUND THE WATERFRONT IN ANOTHER MINUTE!

-SCREEECH-

MOMENTS LATER..

WE'LL BOTTLE 'EM UP IF THEY TRY TO LAND, CLANCY!

W-H-E-E-E-E-E-E-E

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WHEW! JUST MADE IT! HEAD FOR THE HIDEOUT CREEPY!

BOB KANE

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Robin's Funeral?** — **November 16, 1943 • Tuesday**

IN THE GANGSTERS' CAR, ROBIN RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS...

OWW-W! MY HEAD!

Y'WON'T **HAVE** A HEAD IF Y'DON'T KEEP YER TRAP SHUT!

OKAY, CREEPY, DROP US HERE! I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU LATER!

BROWN'S BAKERY

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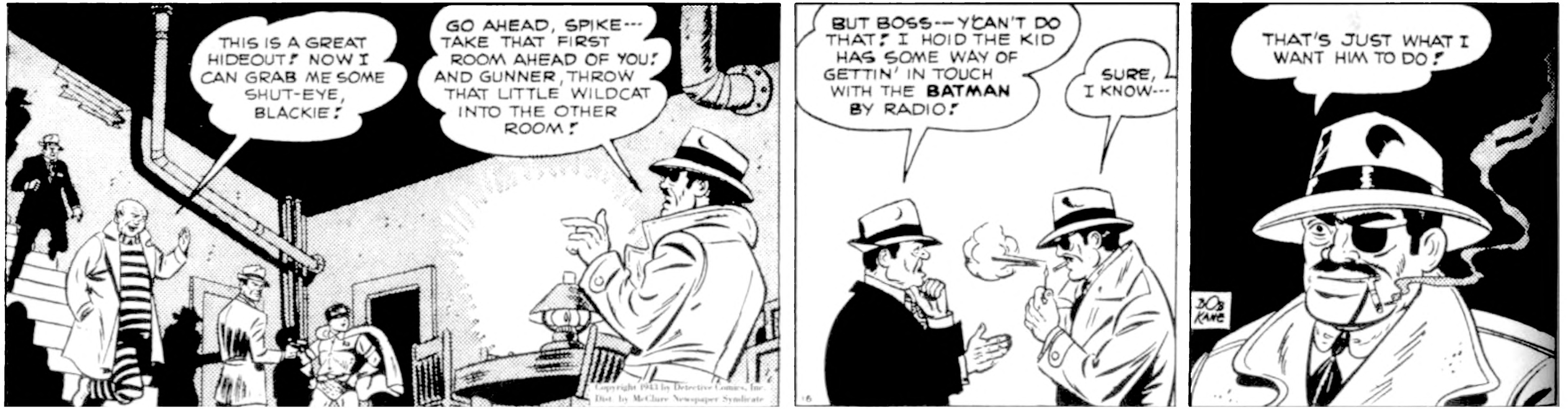
STEP ON IT, BRAT! AT LEAST, YOU'RE SAVIN' ME THE JOB OF CARRYIN' YA IN!

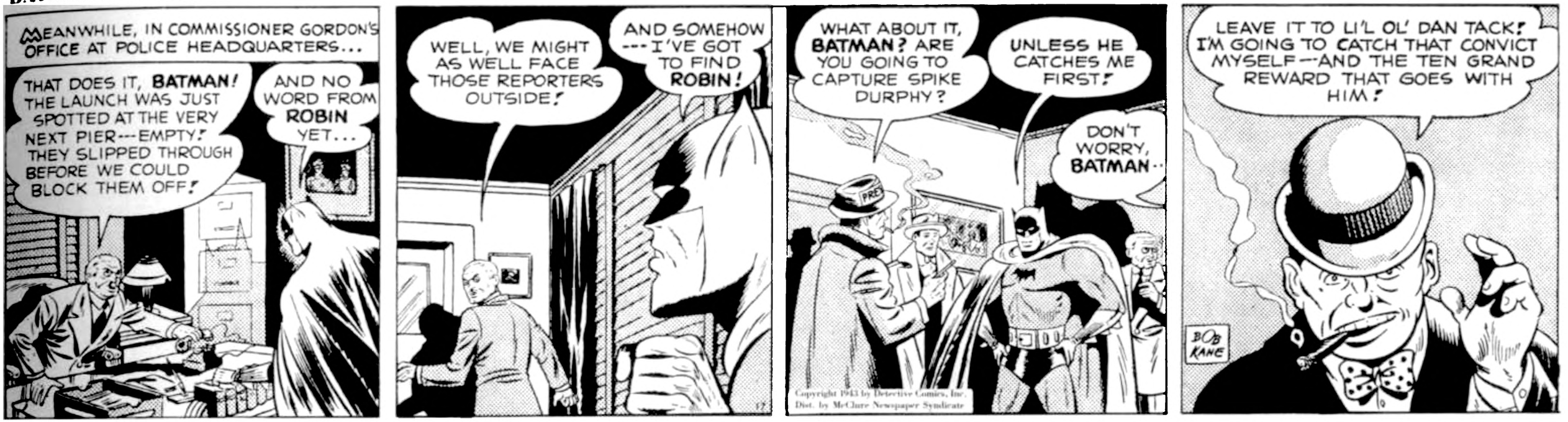
THEY'RE PROBABLY PLANNING TO CARRY ME OUT! WHAT A SPOT!

BATMAN AND ROBIN — A Hot Spot — November 17, 1943 • Wednesday

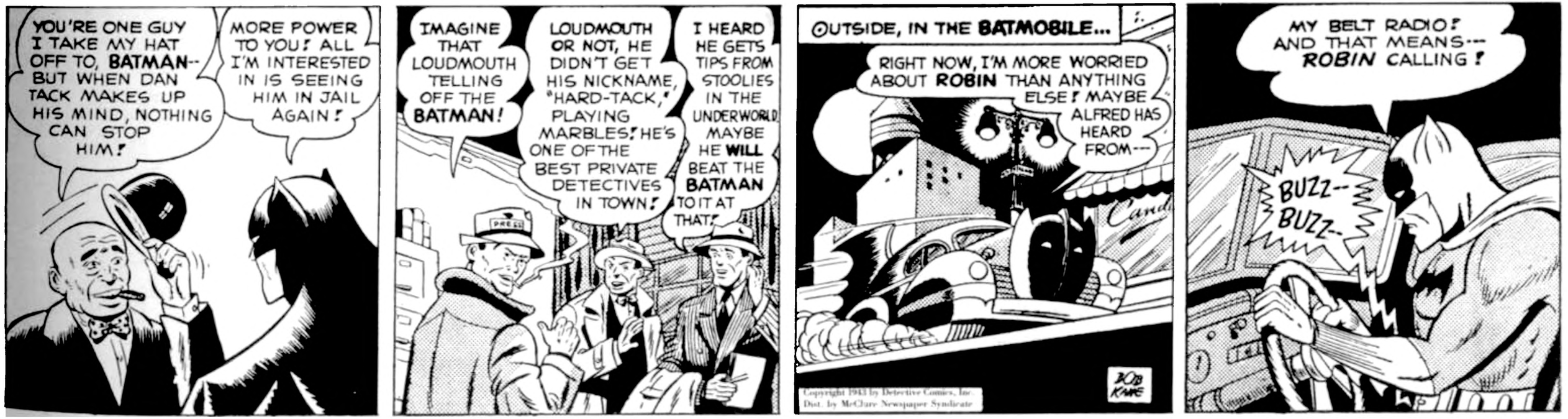
BATMAN AND ROBIN — Blackie's Plans — November 18, 1943 • Thursday



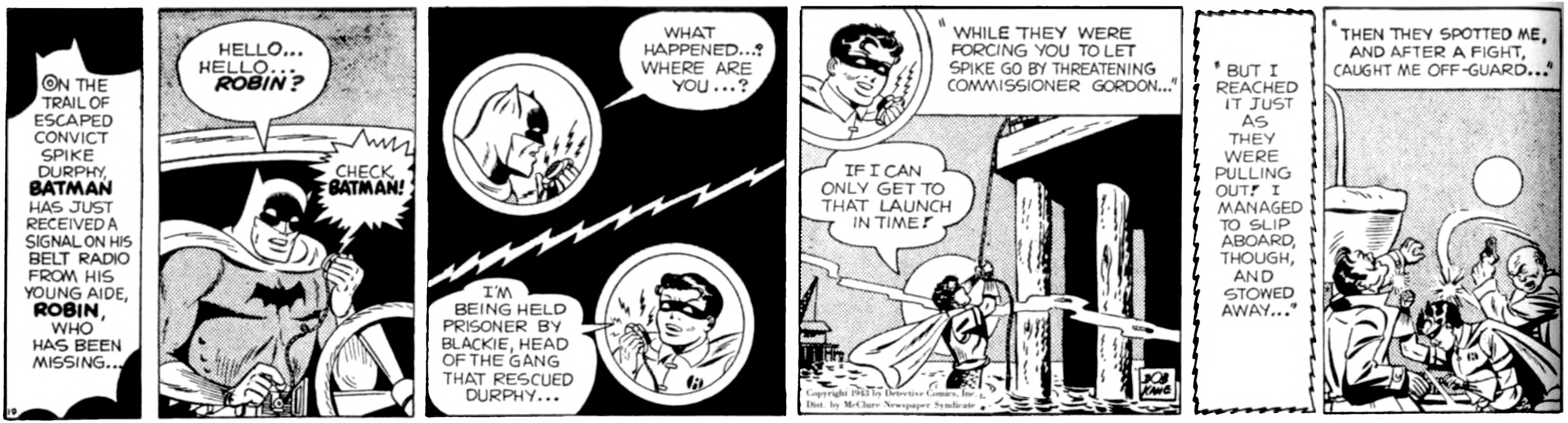
BATMAN AND ROBIN — Dan Tack's Promise — November 19, 1943 • Friday



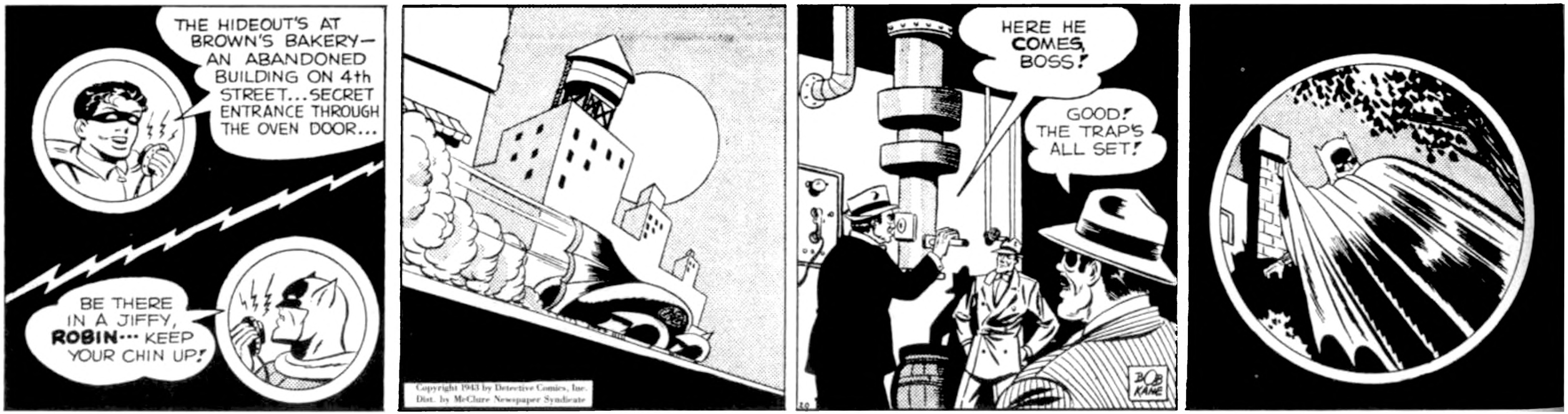
BATMAN AND ROBIN — Searching For Robin — November 20, 1943 • Saturday



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Message From Robin** — **November 22, 1943 • Monday**



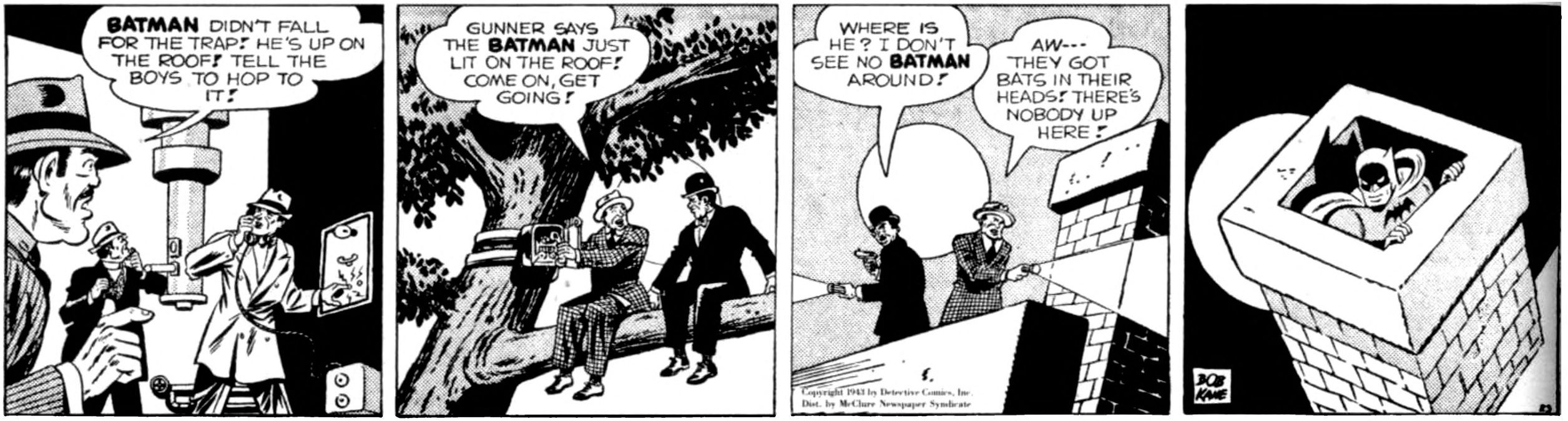
BATMAN AND ROBIN — **A Trap!** — **November 23, 1943 • Tuesday**



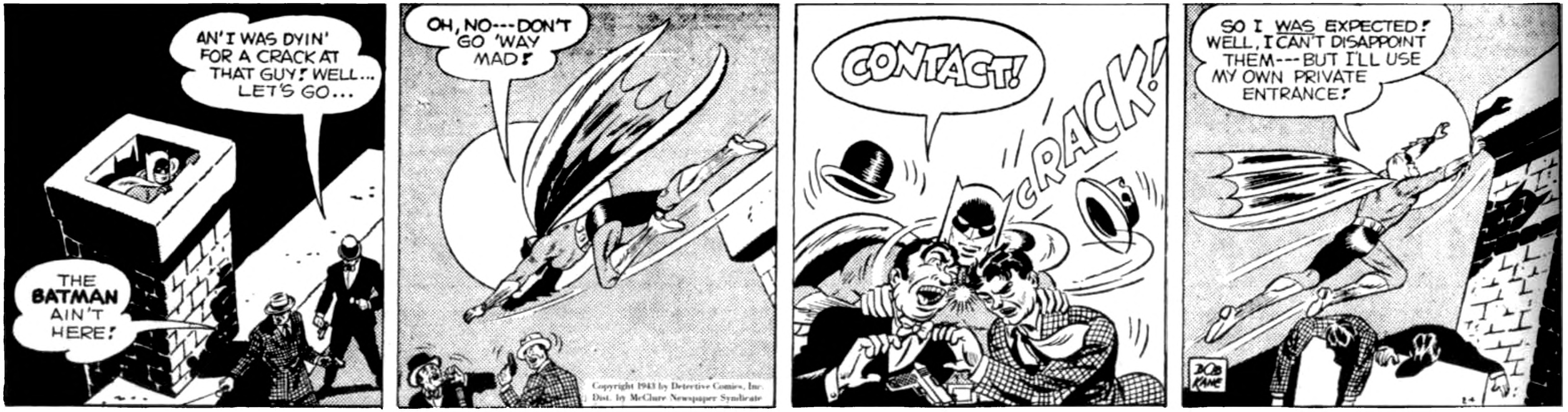
BATMAN AND ROBIN — **No Surprise** — **November 24, 1943 • Wednesday**

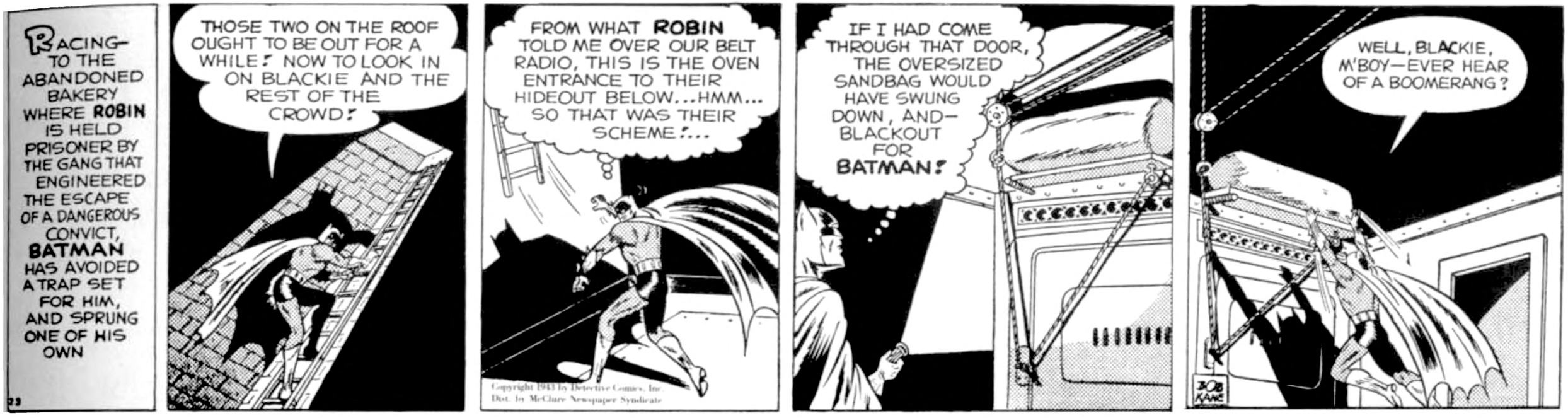
BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Noisy Entrance** — **November 25, 1943 • Thursday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Hidden Hero** — **November 26, 1943 • Friday**



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Two Down** — **November 27, 1943 • Saturday**




RACING TO THE ABANDONED BAKERY WHERE ROBIN IS HELD PRISONER BY THE GANG THAT ENGINEERED THE ESCAPE OF A DANGEROUS CONVICT, BATMAN HAS AVOIDED A TRAP SET FOR HIM, AND SPRUNG ONE OF HIS OWN
THOSE TWO ON THE ROOF OUGHT TO BE OUT FOR A WHILE! NOW TO LOOK IN ON BLACKIE AND THE REST OF THE CROWD!
FROM WHAT ROBIN TOLD ME OVER OUR BELT RADIO, THIS IS THE OVEN ENTRANCE TO THEIR HIDEOUT BELOW...HMM... SO THAT WAS THEIR SCHEME!...
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IF I HAD COME THROUGH THAT DOOR, THE OVERSIZED SANDBAG WOULD HAVE SWUNG DOWN, AND— BLACKOUT FOR BATMAN!
WELL, BLACKIE, M'BOY—EVER HEAR OF A BOOMERANG?
BOB KANE

DOWNSTAIRS, IN THE HIDEOUT...
I DON'T HEAR NOTHIN' ON THE ROOF, BLACKIE! WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE TWO LUGS Y'SENT AFTER THE BATMAN?
EVERYTHING'S QUIET--- TOO QUIET...
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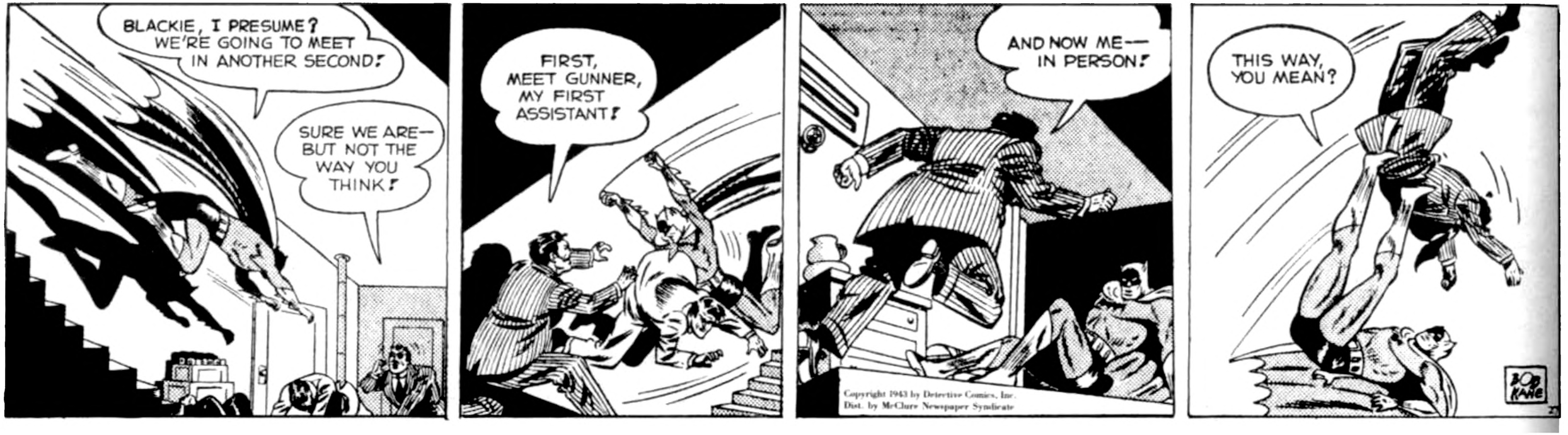
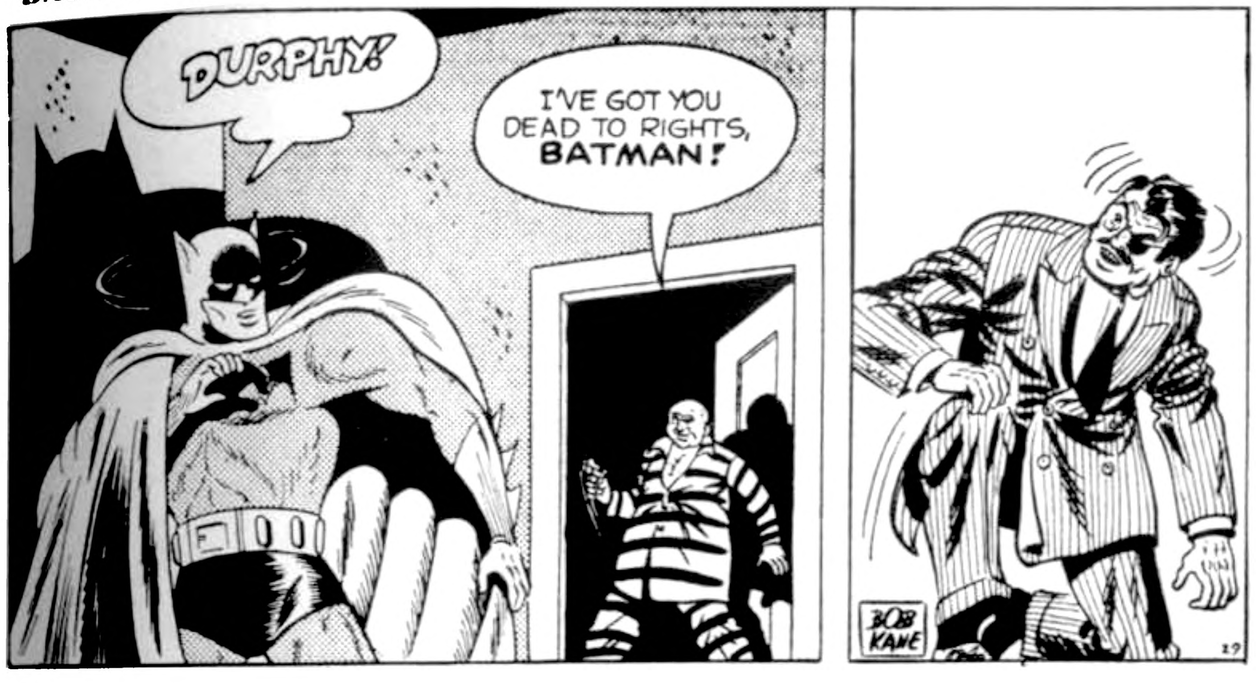
C'MON! WE'LL TACKLE HIM OURSELVES!
BATMAN! GET HIM!
BOB KANE

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Over And Out** — **December 1, 1943 • Wednesday**



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Rude Awakening** — **December 2, 1943 • Thursday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — Lucky Break? — December 3, 1943 • Friday



BATMAN AND ROBIN — Perfect Pitch — December 4, 1943 • Saturday

BATTLING THE MEMBERS OF THE GANG THAT EFFECTED THE ESCAPE OF CONVICT SPIKE DURPHY, **BATMAN** WHIRLED JUST IN TIME TO SEE BLACKIE HURL SOMETHING AT HIM..

...BUT NOT IN TIME TO DODGE ASIDE!

NICE PITCHING, BLACKIE!

OKAY, YOU CAN GET BACK INTO YOUR ROOM NOW, SPIKE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE **BATMAN!**

LEMME AT 'IM... I'LL SOCK---

SOME OTHER TIME, GUNNER--HE'S BEEN SOCKED! NOW, GET UP, YOU TWO, AND GET THE KID IN HERE!

SURE--AND THANKS FOR INVITING HIM, **ROBIN!** THAT'S WHY WE LET YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM BY YOUR BELT RADIO!

BATMAN! THEY CAUGHT YOU!

I'LL COLLECT THE BOYS ON THE ROOF AND THEN BEAT IT--- I HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM!

SURE, BOSS--- WE KNOW!

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JUST ONE BULLET EACH, KNUCKLES—AND WE'RE GONNA BECOME FAMOUS!

SKIP IT, YOUNGSTER! I AVOIDED THE TRAP THEY SET-- IT WAS JUST A TOUGH BREAK!

IT'S ALL MY FAULT, **BATMAN!**

THE LIGHT IN THAT MIRROR--- IT JUST WENT ON... LIKE A SIGNAL...

OF COURSE! THE SIGNAL TO INDICATE A BREAK IN THE PHOTO-ELECTRIC CELL BEAM GUARDING THE ENTRANCE ABOVE!

THAT MEANS SOMEBODY'S COMING! FOE — OR FRIEND?

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LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH, GUNNER!
FUNNY--- IT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM, BUT NEITHER OF THEM NOTICED THAT BULB FLASH A WARNING THAT SOMEBODY WAS COMING!
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WOW!
CRACK
CRACK
GET 'EM UP, YOU PUNKS-- AND KEEP 'EM UP!
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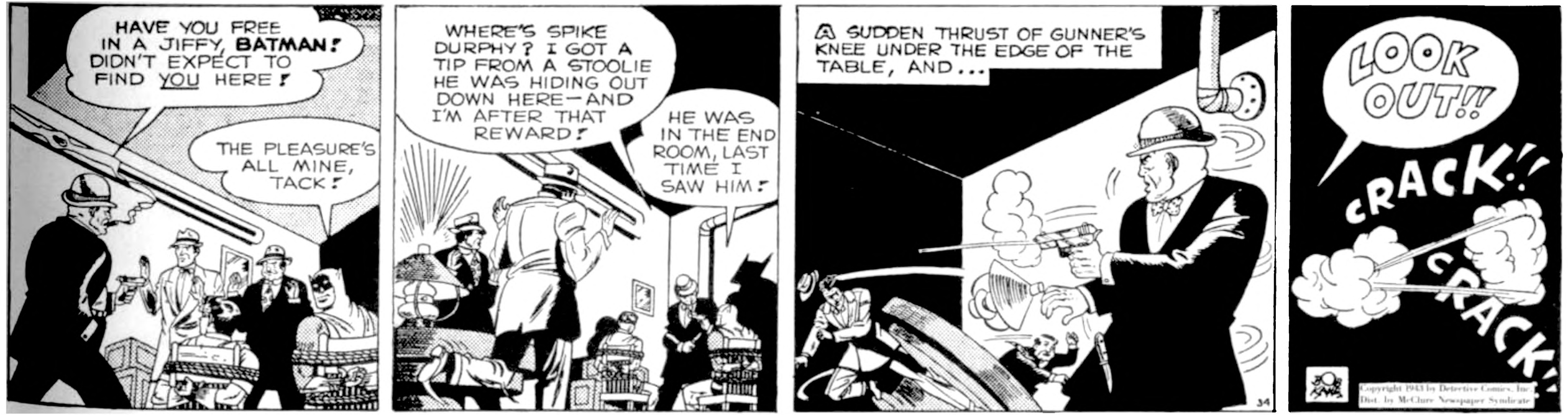
HMM! THAT'S A TWIST — AN ORDINARY PRIVATE DETECTIVE LIKE DAN TACK RESCUING BATMAN AND ROBIN!


HAVE YOU FREE IN A JIFFY, BATMAN! DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND YOU HERE!
THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE, TACK!
WHERE'S SPIKE DURPHY? I GOT A TIP FROM A STOOLIE HE WAS HIDING OUT DOWN HERE—AND I'M AFTER THAT REWARD!
HE WAS IN THE END ROOM, LAST TIME I SAW HIM!
A SUDDEN THRUST OF GUNNER'S KNEE UNDER THE EDGE OF THE TABLE, AND...
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LOOK OUT!!
CRACK!!
CRACK!
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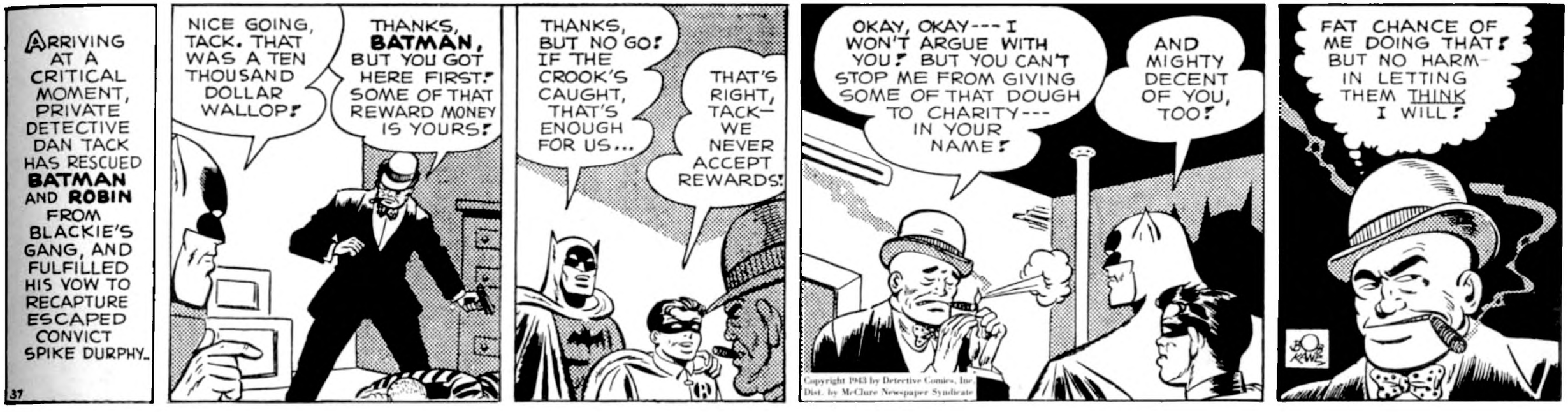
BATMAN AND ROBIN — Free At Last — December 10, 1943 • Friday

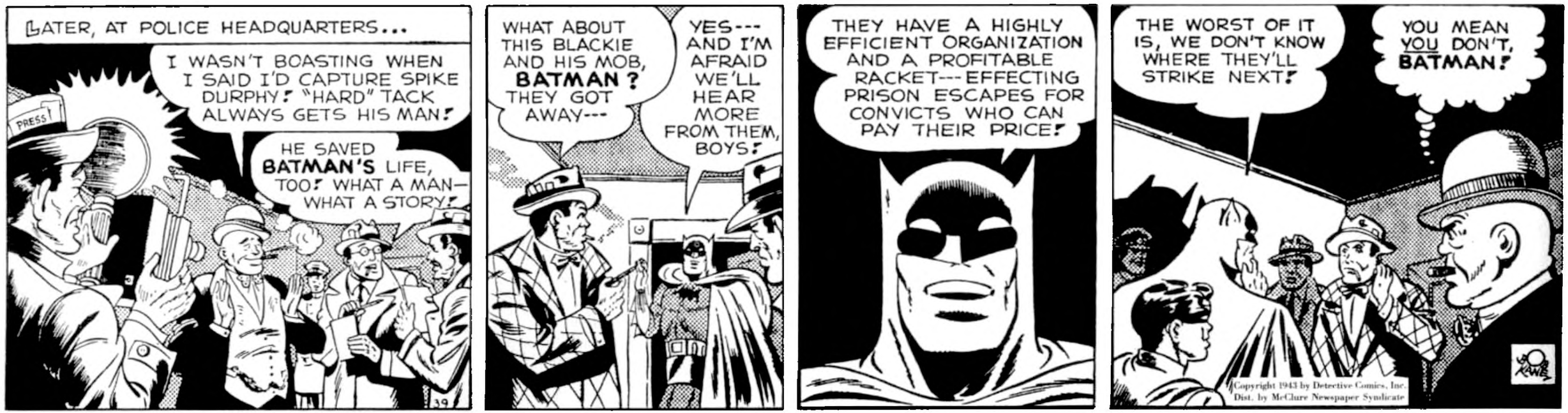
BATMAN AND ROBIN — Captured Convict — December 11, 1943 • Saturday

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Counterfeit Charity** — **December 13, 1943 • Monday**



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Racket Revealed** — **December 14, 1943 • Tuesday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN **What Next?** **December 15, 1943 • Wednesday**

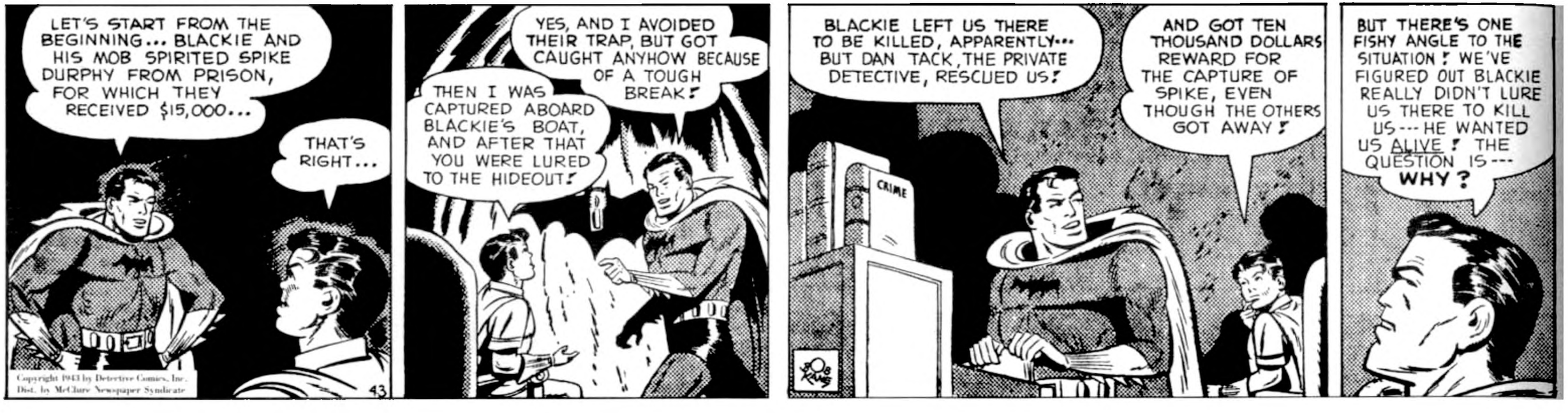


BATMAN AND ROBIN **Blackie's Pals** **December 16, 1943 • Thursday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Repeat Performance** — **December 17, 1943 • Friday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Odd Coincidence** — **December 18, 1943 • Saturday**

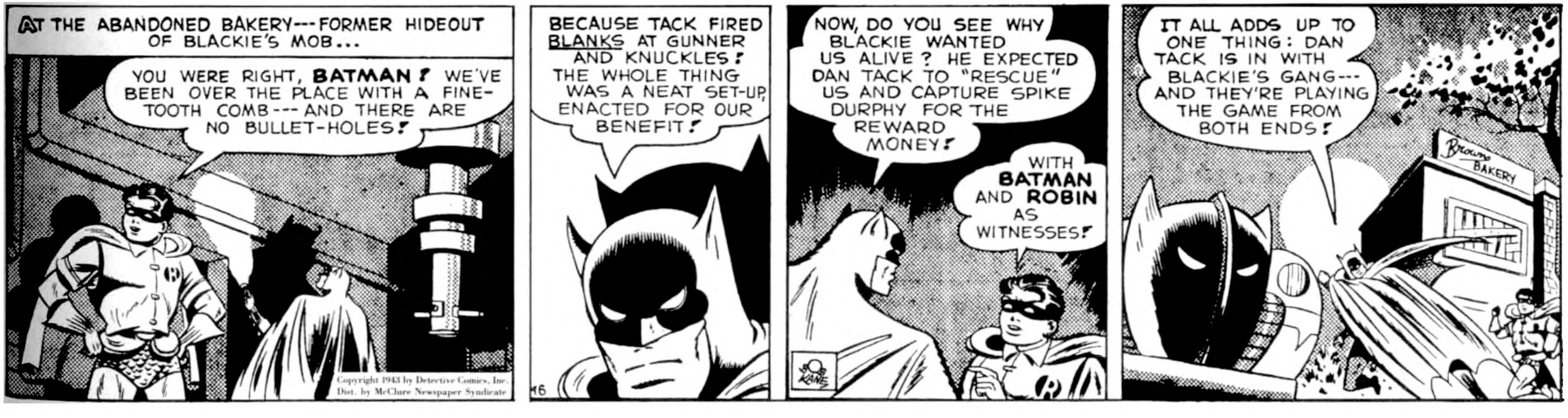
BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Important Question** — **December 20, 1943 • Monday**



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Strange Behavior** — **December 21, 1943 • Tuesday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Back To The Bakery** — **December 22, 1943 • Wednesday**

BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Hoodwinked Witnesses** — **December 23, 1943 • Thursday**



MILES AWAY FROM GOTHAM CITY...
TWO MORE MINUTES, BOYS! GET SET!
ALL SET, BLACKIE!
OKAY, THERE'S THE PRISON! LET HER GO!
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JUMPING CATFISH!
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PARACHUTE THUGS! THEY MUST BE PULLING A JAIL-BREAK!
BOB KANE

IMAGINE USING PARACHUTISTS TO ENGINEER A JAIL-BREAK! WE'LL STOP 'EM!
WHAT....? HEY-- THEY'RE ..... THEY'RE JUST DUMMIES!
WOW-- WHAT DUMMIES WE ARE! LOOK!
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A PRISONER ESCAPING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE YARD--- WHILE WE WERE KEPT BUSY BY THESE PARACHUTE DUMMIES OVER HERE!
BOB KANE

SHREWD SLEUTHING HAS CONVINCED **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** THAT DAN TACK, THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE WHO RECEIVED $10,000 FOR THE CAPTURE OF AN ESCAPED CONVICT, IS IN LEAGUE WITH THE MOB THAT WAS PAID $15,000 TO ENGINEER THE ESCAPE...

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SO BLACKIE WORKED THE RACKET FROM BOTH ENDS! HIS LEFT HAND SURE KNEW WHAT HIS RIGHT HAND WAS DOING!

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!?

LEFT HAND... GREAT SCOTT, THAT'S THE HAND BLACKIE USED WHEN HE THREW THE CAN THAT KNOCKED ME OUT! AND IT WAS SOME PITCH!

HUH?

TACK IS LEFT-HANDED, TOO, AND BACK AT THE **BAT CAVE**, I LOOKED UP HIS RECORD IN OUR FILES---

TACK USED TO BE A SOUTHPAW PITCHER IN A SEMI-PRO LEAGUE! **ROBIN**, BLACKIE AND TACK ARE THE SAME PERSON!

BOB KANE

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BACK AGAIN AT THE **BAT CAVE**...

YES, **ROBIN**, IT ALL FITS IN! PUT A WIG AND A MUSTACHE ON DAN TACK, ADD AN EYE-PATCH, AND YOU HAVE BLACKIE! I'LL SHOW YOU!

T-U-V

WHEN I THINK HOW HE BAMBOOZLED EVERYBODY— INCLUDING US— WITH HIS BOASTS OF CAPTURING SPIKE DURPHY, MY FIST BEGINS TO ITCH!

GOLLY, HE PUT ON A SWELL ACT, **BATMAN**!

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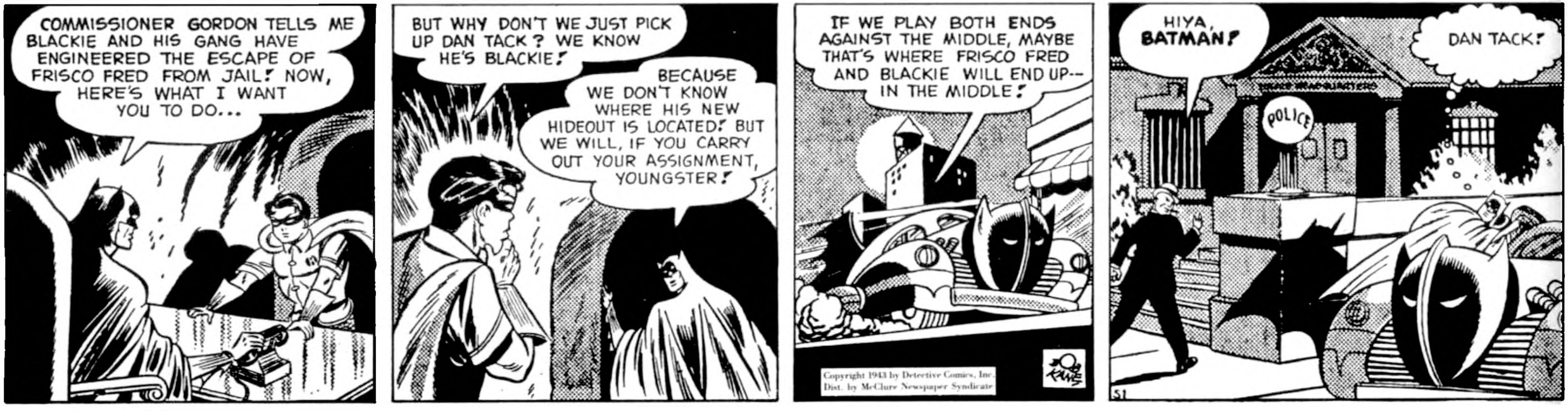
BUT WE'LL SOON SEE WHAT KIND OF AN ACT HE PUTS ON-- IN PRISON STRIPES! I'M CALLING COMMISSIONER GORDON!

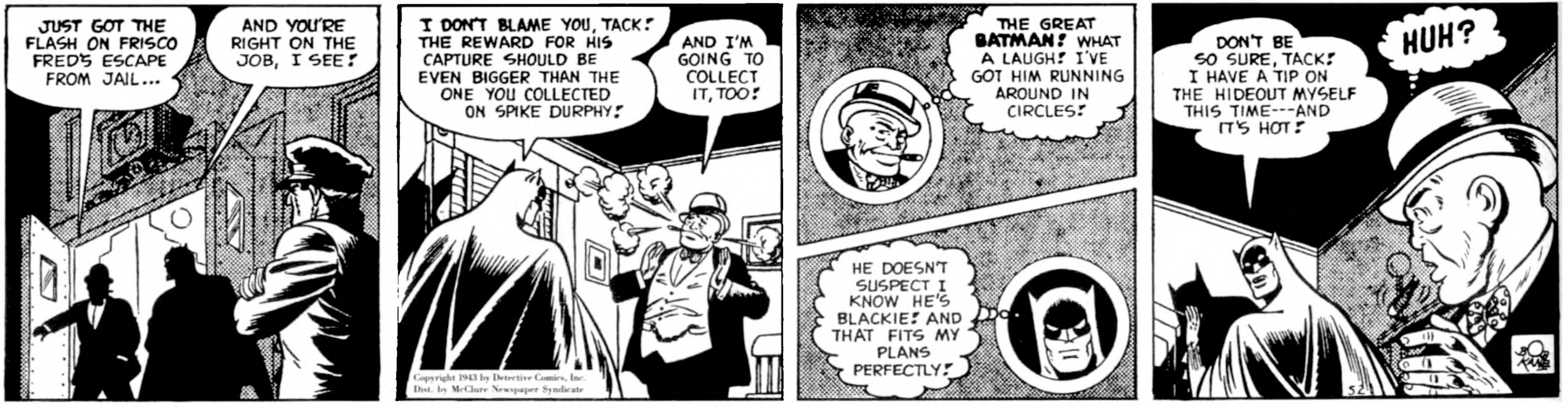
BATMAN? JUST THE MAN I WANT! FRISCO FRED HAS ESCAPED FROM JAIL-- AND IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER BLACKIE JOB!

BOB KANE

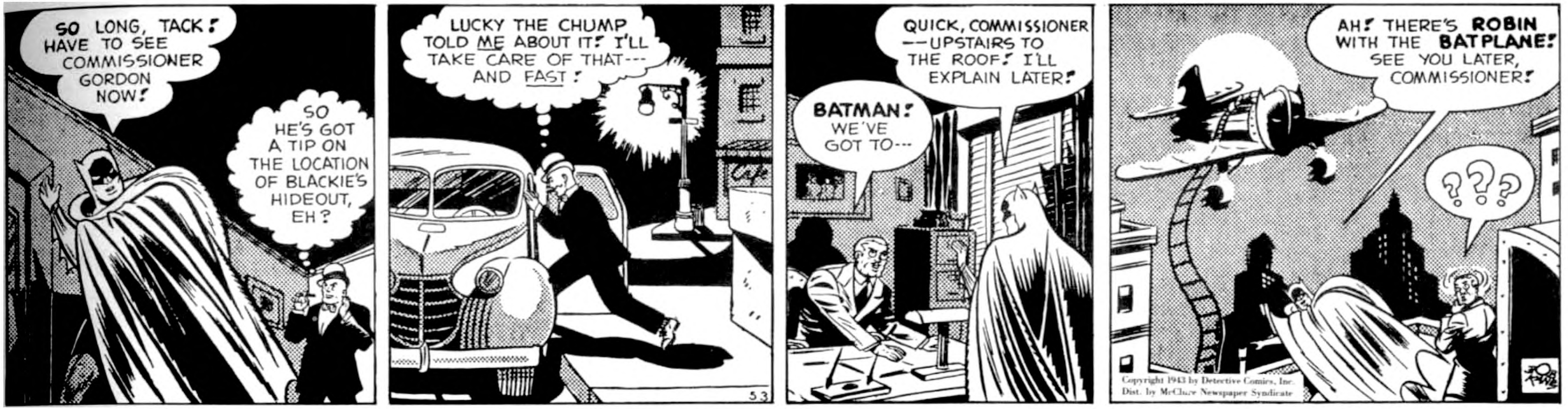
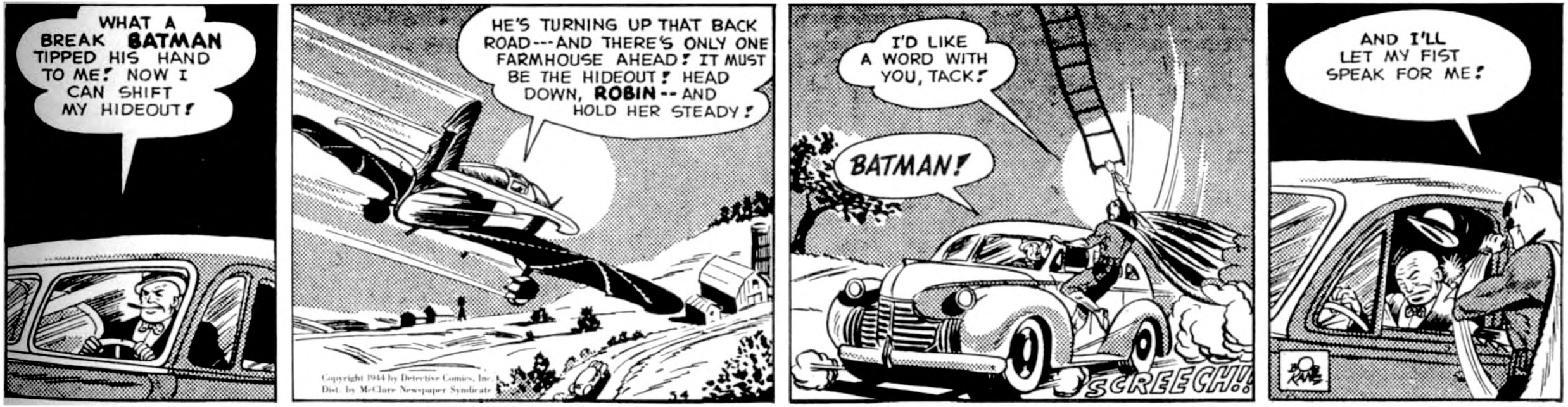
BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Revised Gameplan** — **December 29, 1943 • Wednesday**



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **A Hot Tip** — **December 30, 1943 • Thursday**



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **New Tack-tics** — **December 31, 1943 • Friday**



BATMAN AND ROBIN — **Uncovered Hideout** — **January 1, 1944 • Saturday**